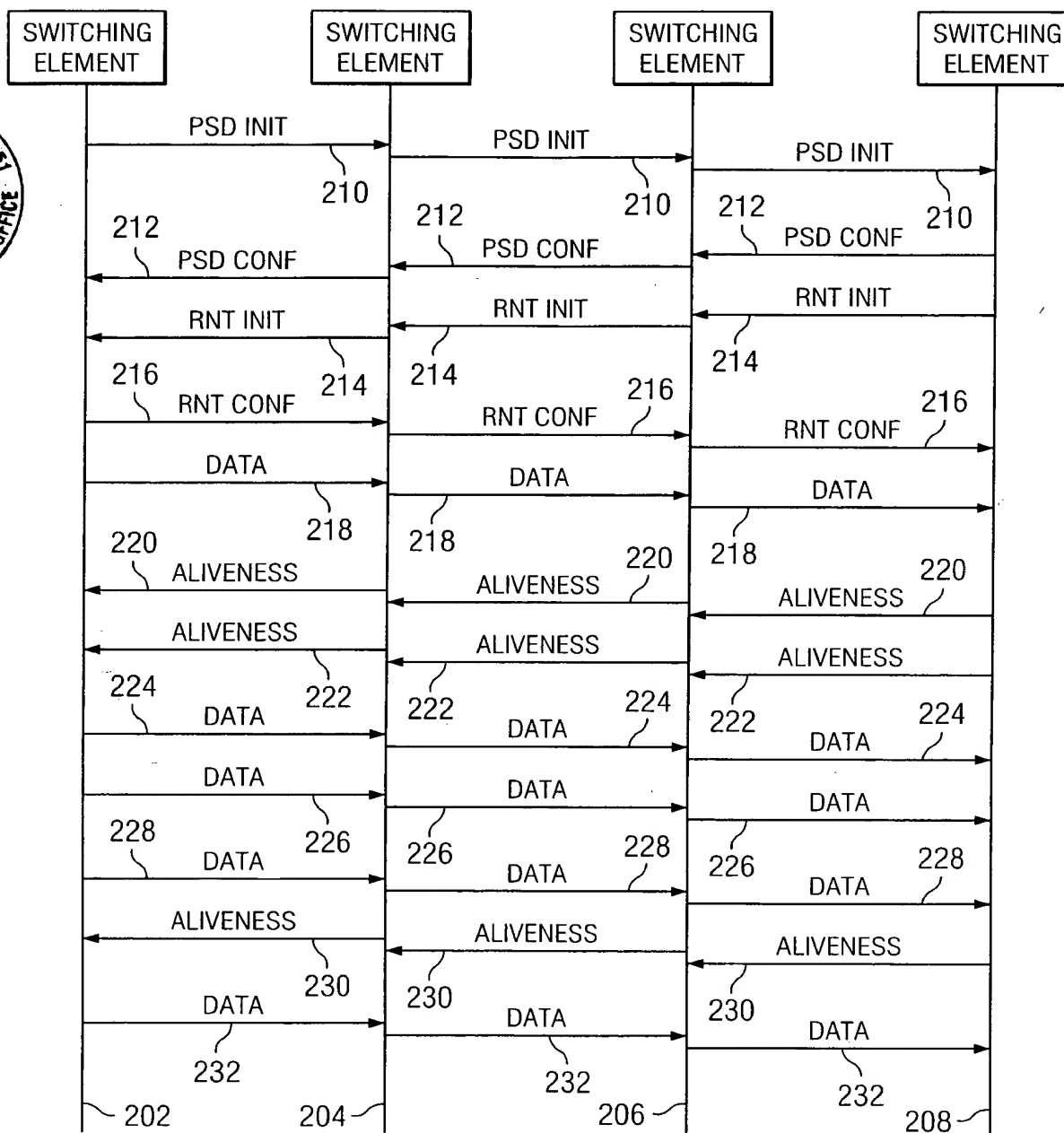


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FIG. 2



PSD=PROTECTION SWITCH DOMAIN (ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING AND PROTECTION PATH: IDENTIFICATION OF SWITCHING ELEMENTS)  
RNT=REVERSE NOTIFICATION TREE (ESTABLISHMENT OF REVERSE PATH FOR NOTIFICATION OF ALIVENESS)  
INIT=INITIALIZE  
CONF=CONFIRM  
DATA=DATA FLOW  
ALIVENESS=NOTIFICATION OF WORKING PATH STATUS

